

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
a top sheet positioned in a face which is adapted to be
brought into contact with a human body;
a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the
top sheet and is adapted to be brought into contact with
underwear; and
an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the
back sheet;
wherein the back sheet includes a colored area, and ~~the~~
absorbent article itself at the colored area has a light
transmittance that allows light outputted from an optical sensor
to be transmitted therethrough in a thickness direction; and
wherein ~~the~~ a light transmittance of light transmitted
through the absorbent article itself, including all three of the
top sheet, the colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent
body, ~~at the colored area~~ is at least 15% ~~in the thickness~~
direction.

2. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article, comprising:
a top sheet positioned in a face which is adapted to be
brought into contact with a human body;

5 a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the top sheet and is adapted to be brought into contact with underwear; and

an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the back sheet;

10 wherein the back sheet includes a colored area and a non-colored area, and ~~an inspection portion which transmits light outputted from an optical sensor for inspection is provided in the non-colored area; and~~

15 wherein a light transmittance of light transmitted through the absorbent article itself, including all three of the top sheet, the non-colored area of the back sheet, and the absorbent body, at the inspection portion is at least 15% in a thickness direction.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the colored area.

5. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the colored area.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the light transmittance ~~of the absorbent article itself at the colored area~~ is 15% to 80% ~~in the thickness direction~~.

8. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the light transmittance ~~of the absorbent article itself at the inspection portion~~ is 15% to 80% ~~in the thickness direction~~.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the light transmittance ~~of the absorbent article itself at the colored area~~ is 15% to 55% ~~in the thickness direction~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the light transmittance ~~of the absorbent article itself at the inspection portion~~ is 15% to 55% ~~in the thickness direction~~.

Claim 12 (Canceled).